

ing purely local, and operating merely upon the county interests of Washington county, it is inconsistent with the rights of the people of said county, and anti-republican in practice, to deny to the people of said county the privilege of having such a form of county government as may, in their opinion, be calculated to diminish their county expenses, to improve the condition of their county, to increase its local facilities by the improvement of its roads and bridges, and to give to every district in said county such a representation in the county government of said county, as will enable each district to give a fair and full expression of its wishes and wants, and to protect its interests in contrast with the interests of the other districts.

Ordered also, That a refusal to modify or alter any such county government, when petitioned for by the people of said county generally, and sustained by the entire representation of said county, to subserve the views and interests of a state party, is incompatible with the proper motives and object of legislative action, and calculated to convert government, which was instituted for the benefit of the people of the state generally, into a mere engine of party, for the oppression of those who may have been opposed, or may be opposed to the powers that be.

Ordered also, That the frequent postponements of this question from day to day, even when, by the rules of the house, it is fairly entitled to consideration, and when the amendment is merely verbal, and in no wise affecting the merits of said bill, can only be regarded as an opposition to the bill itself, and a manifestation of a determination, on the part of this house, to refuse a compliance with the wishes and interests of the people of Washington county, in reference to said bill.

The said preamble and orders were twice read; when,

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, moved that they be laid on the table.

And the question thereon, being taken, was determined in the negative.

After considerable debate,

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the question was put, Will the house reject the said preamble and orders? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city,

The yeas and nays, (being required by seven members,) were ordered and taken.

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are,

Messrs. Chapman (Speaker)

Thomas

Hawkins

Gibbons

Teackle

Donoho